

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH**

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
8 JUNE 2010**

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

Aldermen M Coyle, J Rankin (chair) and G Robinson. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, B Douglas, G Mullan, J F McElhinney, C Ó hOisín, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Director of Development and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:** - None.

**PRESENTATION BY CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS REGIONAL  
TOURISM PARTNERSHIP:**

The Chair welcomed Mr Don Wilmont and Mr Jason Powell, Causeway Coast & Glens Regional Tourism Partnership (CC&GRTP) to the meeting.

Mr Wilmont outlined that CC&GRTP had been in operation for 11 years and its membership included 8 Councils from the north coast. He said the partnerships projected income for 2010/11 was £362,000 and that this figure excluded funding from the Rural Development Programme and from INTERREG IV.

Mr Wilmont referred to the value of tourism in 2008/09 and said this increased by 4% for Limavady from the previous year. He said that the partnership operational plan involved industry engagement, product development, marketing communications, visitor servicing and research.

Mr Powell explained that Limavady was promoted through myths & legends trips, golf passes, advertisements in the Scottish Daily Mail, online promotions, Norfolkline ferry service and via other private sector opportunities. He said that events in Limavady were promoted through the website which had dedicated Limavady pages. He added that engagement with the private sector (hotels, B & B) was a key strength of the partnership and that Dungiven Castle and Danny Boy Festival had recently been promoted in a PR campaign.

In referring to the future, Mr Wilmont stated that the Causeway Coast & Glens Master Plan would be reviewed, the new DETI Tourism Strategy would be imbedded up to 2020 and that the group would continue to build relationships with the private sector. He ended his presentation by stating that the focus must be on partnership working and that by working together the best opportunities for success could be provided.

The representatives from CC&GRTP answered a number of questions relating to delivery of their programme, branding of Danny Boy, promotion of the blind

fiddlers' grave, exploiting Jane Ross and promotion of events in the north west. It was suggested that contact be made with Sperrins Tourism.

Reference was made to the Auditors recommendation that Council pay grants to external bodies retrospectively. Mr Wilmont indicated that the group would be willing to enter into a service level agreement with Council and that they would be prepared to accept quarterly payments.

The Chair thanked Mr Wilmont and Mr Powell for attending the meeting.

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 11 May 2010 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín.

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Economic Development Plan:** Members were advised that a focus group meeting would take place on Monday 14 June 2010 at 6 pm in Dungiven Sports Pavilion to discuss with property owners what could be done to improve the appearance of vacant properties in Dungiven.

**Causeway Coast & Glens Regional Tourism Partnership:** It was agreed that payments to CC&GRTP would be raised at the Audit Committee meeting on 9 June 2010.

#### **DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – JUNE 2010:**

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for June 2010 and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within the report were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

**Culture, Arts & Tourism Grant Programme:** Following a second call for applications under the Culture, Arts & Tourism Grant Programme, the Director of Development recommended that grants for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 be awarded to 8 out of 9 applications assessed under Council's Culture Arts and Tourism Grants programme. A query arose as to the amount allocated to some of the applicants. The following recommendations were agreed:

- Roe Valley Folk Festival – deficit funding award up to a maximum of £7,500
- Drumceatt Field Trip and Convention – deficit funding up to £500
- Dogleap Rally – deficit funding up to a maximum of £3,000
- Shore 2101 UK Short Angling Championship – deficit funding up to £500
- Londonderry and Limavady Agricultural Show – deficit funding up to a maximum of £548
- St Canice's GAC (Feile na Oig 2010) – deficit funding up to a maximum of £1,200
- St Mary's GAC Banagher (Feile na Oig 2010) – deficit funding up to a maximum of £1,445
- O'Brien's GAC Foreglen (Feile na Oig 2010) – deficit funding up to a maximum of £1,475.

**Limavady Sports Council:** The Director of Development advised that Alderman Rankin had been re-elected as Chairman of Limavady Sports Council at AGM held 20 May 2010. She said the group had request grant assistance from Council and recommended that a grant of £8,000 be allocated to Limavady Sports Council. Agreed.

**Development of 3G Pitch;** It was agreed that a special meeting to consider the appointment of a Design Team to progress the project would be held on 29 June 2010.

**Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre/Ionad Cultúir agus Ealaíne Gleann na Ró:** Retrospective approval was agreed for purchase of stage lighting audio equipment from Rea Sound in the sum of £75,997.82. It was noted that stage lighting had been located in Dungiven Sports Pavilion. Officers were asked to investigate and identify where the equipment could be used.

It was agreed that the quotation submitted by Basil Knipe Electrics for supply and delivery of appliances for community kitchen/staff room in the sum of £929+VAT would be approved. .

It was agreed that the quotation submitted from Alpha Interiors for tables and chairs for Art Workshop Rooms in the sum of £4980 (fifth lowest but best quality option for intended purpose) would be approved.

Approval was also given for purchase of additional furniture & equipment from Alpha Interiors at a cost of £8,695 + tambour unit filing, fitting & VAT.

**Good Relations Grants:** The Director of Development informed members that applications had been received and assessed for funding under the Good Relations Grant Aid Programme. The following recommendations were approved by Council:

- Roe Valley Residents - £1,000
- Glenshane Community Development - £1,000
- Drumsurn Community Association - £1,000
- Bovally Community Association - £1,000
- Hands that Talk - £1,000
- NWE LLA - £1,000
- Gortnaghey Community Association - £1,000
- Kids Inn Out of School Club - £994.85
- North West Tongues, Tones & Tapping – to meet with the Good Relations Officer to review the project.

**Request for Financial Assistance – Tessa Campbell:** It was agreed that the request for funding by Tessa Campbell would be referred to Limavady Sports Council.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Memorial Boards from Old Town Hall:** Members were advised that no minute had been found which stated that the memorial boards from the old Town Hall would be erected in the new building.

**Condolences:** It was agreed that a letter of condolence would be forward to the family of the late Sam Smyth who had been a long standing member of the Twinning Committee.

**NILGA:** The Chief Executive circulated to members NILGA 7 June 2010 weekly update and NILGA response to Minister Poots regarding the situation on local government reform. It was noted that the response stated that local government would only pay (with caveats) for implementation of RPA and only when terms and conditions of future loans were known. The response also called on the Minister to make an early decision and give clarity on the way forward.

It was agreed that Alderman Coyle, Councillor Brolly and Councillor Chivers would attend the NILGA & SOLACE partnership event 'Efficiencies and Improvement - The Way Forward' to be held 16 June 2010 in the Hilton Hotel Templepatrick.

**GP - Out of Hours:** Councillor Cubitt proposed, seconded by Councillor Robinson that Alderman Robinson would attend and present details of impact on change to the GP out of hours service at a community group meeting to be held in St Columbs Park House on Wednesday 9 June 2010.

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 10 August 2010.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 8.45 pm)**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Meeting